

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Public Health	(2) MEETING DATE 3/8/2016	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Liz Pozzebon 781-5550	
(4) SUBJECT Request to approve (1) a renewal agreement (Clerk's File) with the State Water Resources Control Board for FY 2015-16 in the amount not to exceed \$125,000 to continue the beach monitoring program and (2) a resolution authorizing the Health Officer as the official representative to sign the renewal agreement and future amendments. All Districts.			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board: 1) Approve the FY 2015-16 renewal agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board in the amount of \$125,000.00 to continue the beach monitoring program. 2) Approve a resolution authorizing the Health Officer as the official representative to sign the attached renewal agreement and future amendments to the agreement that do not increase the level of General Fund support.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) State Water Resources Control Board	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$125,000.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$125,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? Yes
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5 Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW Geoff O'Quest, Administrative Analyst			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Jeff Hamm, Health Agency Director
Penny Borenstein, MD, MPH, Health Officer

DATE: 3/8/2016

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RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- 1) Approve the FY 2015-16 renewal agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board in the amount of \$125,000.00 to continue the beach monitoring program.
- 2) Approve a resolution authorizing the Health Officer as the official representative to sign the attached renewal agreement and future amendments to the agreement that do not increase the level of General Fund support.

DISCUSSION

This agreement continues the Beach Monitoring program that started in 1999. The agreement was received from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) during January 2016. The term of this agreement began on July 1, 2015 and continues until June 30, 2016. The maximum amount payable under this agreement is \$125,000 and is shared between Environmental Health and the Public Health Laboratory (EH-\$68,900; PHL-\$56,100). A resolution is required by the SWRCB to demonstrate proof of Board approval and designates the Health Officer to sign the agreement and future amendments.

The purpose of the beach monitoring and public notification program is to provide the public with information on health risks so they can make an informed choice about where they swim. Disease causing microorganisms are commonly found in contaminated ocean water and are known to cause diarrhea, vomiting, fever, abdominal cramps, common colds, respiratory infections, and hepatitis. Children, elderly and people with weakened immune systems are the most vulnerable.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

County Counsel has reviewed the renewal agreement and resolution as to form and legal effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The attached agreement with the State Water Resources Control Board provides funding not to exceed \$125,000 for FY 2015-16. The FY 2015-16 adopted budget includes an allocation of \$97,500. The \$27,500 increased revenue will be divided between Environmental Health and the Public Health Laboratory (EH-\$6,463; PHL-\$21,037). Laboratory costs for the required testing have increased \$8.50 per test since last fiscal year and the current agreement will provide approximately \$21,000 in additional revenue to cover this increase. New funding for beach sign notification and Environmental Health overhead costs will result in an increase of approximately \$8,000 in revenue. It is not known if the increased revenue will decrease the level of General Fund for the Health Agency. There could be shortfalls in revenue in other categories throughout Public Health, therefore it is unknown if the additional \$27,500 will decrease the level of General Fund support for Public Health. Approval of the resolution authorizes the Health Officer to sign this agreement and future amendments that have no effect on the level of County General Fund support required.

RESULTS

The results intended for this agreement are to provide information to the public regarding the water quality of our beaches and to provide a safe and healthful environment by issuing advisories or closures if circumstances warrant. By monitoring the water quality along our beaches, residents and visitors can make informed decisions about entering the water and be protected from waterborne disease. In FY 2014-15, forty four health advisories were issued and there were no beach closures. Services provided by this agreement contribute to the County goal to provide a safe and healthy community.

ATTACHMENTS

1. State Water Resources Control Board Beach Monitoring Contract
2. State Water Resources Control Board Beach Monitoring Resolution